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501038.03 (30029/US/2)

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First Inventor or Application Identifier

Kallol Mazumder

Title

**INPUT STAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD HAVING A  
VARIABLE REFERENCE VOLTAGE**

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- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets] **7**5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages] **2**a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
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- inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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- see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

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Program (Appendix)8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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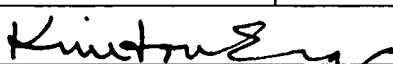
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